

## Children's Cabinet

*Tuesday, May 14, 2019*

*2:00 – 4:00 PM*

*West Reading Room, Patrick Henry Building*

*1111 E Broad St, Richmond, VA 23219*

### **MEETING MINUTES**

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**Members Present:** First Lady Pamela Northam, Lieutenant Governor Justin Fairfax, Secretary Daniel Carey, Secretary Bettina Ring, Holly Coy (attending in place of Secretary Atif Qarni), Nicky Zamostny (attending in place of Secretary Brian Moran)

**Members Absent:** Secretary Brian Moran, Secretary Atif Qarni

#### **I. Welcome**

First Lady Pamela Northam welcomed the group and provided an overview of the meeting agenda and the presentations that would be heard by the Children's Cabinet.

#### **II. Update on Early Childhood Development and School Readiness**

Chief School Readiness Officer Jenna Conway provided an update regarding the highlights and challenges from the 2019 General Assembly Session in the field of early childhood development and school readiness. Chief Conway also discussed the \$9.9m Preschool Development Grant B-5 that will be used to accomplish three key activities: 1) a statewide vision, a needs assessment, and a strategic plan, 2) community models ready to scale, and 3) a stronger foundation at the state level. She provided an update on the work that has been completed to date and the work that is currently underway.

#### **III. Update on Nutrition and Food Security**

Assistant Secretary Heidi Hertz provided an update on how the General Assembly Session impacted efforts to promote nutrition and food security. Assistant Secretary Hertz also discussed the town hall meetings that have been hosted across the state by the work group focused on nutrition and food security, the Virginia Department of Social Services, and the Federation of Virginia Food Banks. These town hall meetings are informing the blueprint report. Assistant Secretary Hertz explained that the group is organizing a second town hall process to focus on the lived experiences of community members and to gain a better understanding of barriers.

Assistant Secretary Hertz discussed timeline of the Farmer's Market Nutrition Incentive Programs, the Farm to School goal, and CACFP-Early Care. She also provided an update on the progress that agencies and organizations have made in the implementation of Hunger Vital Signs.

**IV. Update on Student Safety**

Deputy Secretary Holly Coy reviewed the progress that has been made on nearly all twenty of the recommendations made by the Student Safety Work Group. She discussed the key legislative and budget items from this past 2019 General Assembly Session that address these recommendations.

**V. Update on Trauma-Informed Care**

Deputy Secretary Gena Berger provided an update on budget and legislation from the 2019 General Assembly Session that impact efforts to promote trauma-informed care. Additionally, she discussed Senator Dance's legislation that directs the Children's Cabinet to establish a taskforce focused on school-based health centers. Lastly, Deputy Secretary Berger discussed the Voices Summit on Childhood Trauma and Resilience and the key takeaways from the summit.

**VI. Review of a Proposed Framework for Home Visiting**

Deputy Secretary Berger and Chief Conway presented on the proposed framework for home visiting, which is intended to develop a comprehensive framework for coordination of home visiting program services within the early childhood system to ensure quality service delivery and sustainable growth. They emphasized five key components of the framework: 1) qualified service providers, 2) quality service delivery/model fidelity, 3) quality assurance, 4) financial sustainability, and 5) system building.

Secretary Carey made a motion to endorse the framework for home visiting. Those members present endorsed the framework unanimously.

**VII. Presentation from Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth**

Marty Kilgore, Danny Saggese, and Brynna Walker from Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth and Y-Street presented on the rise of e-cigarettes and vapor products and their impact on Virginia's youth. The presentation discussed the data and trends as well as efforts that are currently underway to combat the use of these products by youth, including marketing and prevention education.

**VIII. Presentation on the 2020 Census**

Secretary Kelly Thomasson provided a presentation on the 2020 Census and efforts underway to support a complete count. She emphasized statistics in previous years that indicate undercounting of children in past census counts. Secretary Thomasson highlighted strategies for counting young children and the importance of an accurate count.

**IX. Public Comment**

No public comments were offered.

**X. Concluding Remarks**

First Lady Northam offered concluding remarks and thanked members of the Children's Cabinet and members of the public for attending the meeting.